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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Thursday, December 3, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, December 2, 2015, meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 13 (Knollenberg) Elections; voting procedures; straight-ticket voting; eliminate.

Senator Knollenberg explained his bill and answered questions for the Committee.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, and Sarah Bydalek, Walker City Clerk, both representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bill.

Jack Amelar, from Lowell, testified in opposition to the bill.

Frank Lynn, representing People with Disabilities, testified in opposition to the bill.

Joe Anna Peterson, representing retired teachers and precinct workers, testified in opposition to the bill.

Ed Kettle, representing Grand Rapids residents, testified in opposition to the bill.

W. Paul Mayhue, representing Voices Not Heard in Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill.

Amanda Le Anne Brunzell, representing Catholics for Choice, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tim Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, representing Michigan Association of County Clerks, testified in opposition to the bill.

The Chair placed the committee at ease, the time being 12:00 noon.

The Chair called the meeting back to order, the time being 4:40 p.m.

Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk, testified in opposition to the bill.

Eric Doster, from Okemos, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in opposition to the bill, but were not available at the time called:

Esther R. Turner, representing the Kent County Board of Canvassers.

Mike Kolehouse, from Grand Rapids.

Fred Overeem, representing the Kent County Board of Canvassers.

Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds.

Lynn Mason, from Belding.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill but did not wish to speak:

Fran Brennan, representing the AFL-CIO.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing AFSCME.

Alan J. Exoo, representing the Crestor Neighborhood Association in Grand Rapids.

Allan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers, Michigan.

Kathryn Kelly, from Brighton.

Marissa Luna, from Lansing.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Secretary of State's Office, submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 13, and did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:15 p.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

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